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1. From a source which R/ED considers trustworthy the following information on a secret organization of Yugoslav exiles has been obtained. The validity of the report cannot be judged here, but the statement of a hidden agreement between ideologically contrasted groups makes the report sound somewhat imaginary; there are, however at least three points which can be checked in Paris or Vienna: the two arrests and the issuance of an American visa; if it can be shown that the report is accurate in these details, then more credence can be put in the whole.

2. The TAJNA INTERNACIONALNA STRAZARSKA ORGANIZACIJA (Secret International Guard Organization), usually abbreviated to T.I.S.O., is the executive body directing the secret operations of an Ustashi group, supposedly conducted on a world-wide scale. At present the acting head of TISO is Colonel Ivan DEVORICH. There seems to be some confusion in the chain of command, because his orders come to him directly from the head of the organization in Italy. The group in Italy is called the TAJNA TERENSKA ORGANIZACIJA I SLUZBA (Secret Field Organization and Service) abbreviated TIOS, and is headed by VILKO PEONIKAR, considered as the unofficial successor of PAVELICH.

3. There is a secret secretary of the TISO in every country; he is known only to special agents carrying out specific missions.

4. In France the secretary is Dr. Andrija ARTUKOVICH and the headquarters were until recently in the Hotel Astor in Paris; ARTUKOVICH is supposedly wanted by the Allied authorities. Other members of the Paris group are Ferdinand UTTERPELZ, NIKOLA MOJAN and BRANKO PESHEL.

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The group has recently been discovered at the Astor by the Allied authorities, and consequently the identified members are planning to leave so as to be able to continue their work in locations where they are not known. OTTERPELZ and his wife are leaving for Brazil, and MOGAN for Mexico via the United States.

5. OTTERPELZ was a close friend of KOZAK, the former Ustashi Finance Minister, and is supposed to have deposited in his own name in a Swiss bank, KOZAK's funds, which were removed to Switzerland during the war and which have been used up until now to finance the operations of the Paris branch. There they have dealt widely in the black market in currency, but their principal function seems to be to help Ustashi members who have become compelled to conceal their identity and escape under false names. This, and the illicit transport of armaments and secret communications, must have brought about the strange working agreement stated to exist between the Ustashi and OZNA, TITO's secret police.

6. Zulfika PASHICH, the former head of OZNA in Italy, at present chief in Austria, has been in contact with the Paris Ustashi Group through the medium of VUADIN MIJOVICH, who is reported as having been arrested, and later released, by the American authorities in Austria. PASHICH has his headquarters in the village of Munden, near Salzburg, from where he controls contacts among OZNA agents in Italy, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia, most of which contacts he himself originally set up. With him as assistants he has Lt. Colonel TURKUE, Capt. VOJUNOVICH, Lt. KIRICH, and Boguljub BARATEKI. BARATEKI is now reported as having recently been arrested by the Americans.

7. For purposes of evaluating this report, as well as possible future information from the same source, the [] office would greatly appreciate any opinions the [] office may have of the credibility of the report, based on the statements that the group has been located at the Hotel Astor, that Nikola MOGAN has evidently been granted a transit visa for the United States, and that ARTUNOVICH is wanted by the American authorities. From [] it would like confirmation or refutation of the statement that OTTERPELZ has an account, in his own name, which might possibly contain official funds of the extinct puppet State. If Vienna could ascertain the correctness of the statements about the arrest of MIJOVICH and the headquarters at Munden, the [] office would be pleased to have the information.

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18 February 1947

TO: Commanding Officer - Austria

FOR: Security Control Division

FROM: []
OZNA (now UDB) in Austria

SUBJECT: Ustashi Organization

1. Reference is made to KFI-106 (a copy of which was sent to Vienna), dated 2 January 1947, subject as above, but specifically to Kufika PASHIK (Pav. 6), reported as present Chief of OZNA in Austria.

2. Since we have not, as yet, heard about him from Austria and in the event he turns up in that area, we are sending the following information, which has largely come from Italy, on an individual who may possibly be identical with Kufika PASHIK:

a. One Kufikar PASHI, reportedly an OZNA agent, was arrested in 1941 by Croatian Police for his Communist activities and sentenced; after his release, he joined TITO'S Partisans and became Lt. Col. and Political Commissar of a division. About February or March 1945, it was reported that he went to Trieste and then to Rome on an OZNA mission, posing as an emigre. His mission purportedly was to gain Communist supporters among Italian refugees. Although he claimed to be opposed to the (present Yugoslav) Administration, even though admittedly a Communist, he was reported to have been one of the few guests participating at a dinner given for TITO during his trip to RIMINI. Dec 1945? Jan 1946?

b. Kufikar PASHI was also reported under the following names:

KULFIKARPASHI, Aml Lt. Col.
ALIPASHI, Kufikar
KULFIKARPASHI, Aml
KULFIKARPASHI, Aml, Aml, Aml
PASHI, Kufikar Aml
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31 January 1947

COUNTRY: Portugal/France/Italy/Austria/Switzerland
SUBJECT: International Ustaasha Organisation
DATE OF INFO: 2 January 1947
EVALUATION: B-6

Comment: The following report on an alleged secret Ustaasha organisation with OSHA contacts has been received from a reliable source who regards the substance of this information as trustworthy. Though its validity cannot as yet be confirmed, it is forwarded for your information.

1. The TAMIA INTERNATIONAL STRAMENKA ORGANIZACIJA (T.I.S.O.), Secret International Secret Organisation, is the executive body which directs the secret operations of a Ustaasha group, supposedly constituted on a world-wide scale. Some confusion in the chain of command is indicated by the fact that Colonel Ivan DUVICH in Portugal, reported to be the acting head of TISO, receives his orders from the head of the subsidiary organisation in Italy. The group in Italy is called TAMIA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZACIJA I SUDERA (T.I.O.S.). Secret Field Organisation and Services, and is headed by VILKO PRONIKAR, said to be regarded as the unofficial successor of PAYELICH.

2. There is a secret secretary of TISO in every country, who is known only to special agents carrying out specific missions.

3. In France the secretary is Dr. Andreja ANTONOVICH, Minister of Interior during the PAYELICH regime, who is reportedly wanted by the Allied authorities. Until recently the headquarters for France were in the Hotel Astor in Paris. Other members of the Paris group are Ferdinand OTTERVELZ, Nikola MOGAN and Branko PRIBEL, secretary to MACH. The group has recently been discovered as the result of the Allied authorities, and consequently the identified members are planning to leave in order to continue their work in locations where they are not known. OTTERVELZ and his wife are leaving for Brazil, and MOGAN for Mexico via the United States.

4. OTTERVELZ was a close friend of Dr. Vladimir KOZAK, former Ustaasha Minister of Finance, and is alleged to have deposited in his own name in a bank in Switzerland, KOZAK's funds which were removed to Switzerland during the war and have been used until now to finance the operations of the Paris branch. This group has dealt widely in currency on the black market, but its principal function seems to be to help Europe.

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related UstaSha members escape under false names. It is believed that this activity, the illicit transport of arms, and the like, brought about the strange working agreement alleged to exist between the UstaSha and OZNA, the Yugoslav State Intelligence Service.

B. Zoltan PASHICH, frequently reported as an OZNA agent in Italy and now said to be OZNA Chief in Austria, has been in contact with the Paris UstaSha Group through a certain Viljoel HJOTVICH, stated to have been arrested by the American authorities in Austria and later released. From his headquarters in a village near Salzburg, PASHICH is said to control contacts among OZNA agents in Italy, Austria, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia.

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7 March 1947

TO: BDB

FROM: ☐ ☐

SUBJECT: Zulfika WASHICH

REF: KPL-105

1. We call your attention to Paragraph 6 of reference, a copy of which was sent to you. It is here stated that Zulfika WASHICH, former head of OZNA in Italy, is now chief in Austria.

2. This seems to be undoubtedly our old friend of the many garbled spellings to his name. We hesitate, however, to give too much credence to this report since, in the first place, we had never had the impression from the voluminous reports on him that his position in Italy was such an exalted one, and, in the second place, reports have been coming in so recently, indicating his continued presence in Italy.

3. We shall be interested in receiving your comments on this matter. In the meantime, his card is being retained at this desk until the matter is clarified.

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